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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-21**
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5 **RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE**
6 **COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF**
7 **BISCAYNE PARK RE-EMPHASIZING**
8 **OUR COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN**
9 **CIVILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE**
10 **PUBLIC'S BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR**
11 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
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14 WHEREAS our Village officials are the elected leaders closest to the people; and
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16 WHEREAS, our elected Village officials are thus in a unique position to have a
17 positive impact on behavior, both individually and collectively and to lead by example;
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20 WHEREAS, we hereby find public and political discourse often results in a
21 confrontational atmosphere that often prevents the development of solid solutions to the
22 problems facing our community; and,
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24 WHEREAS, we further find only civil and honest public discourse can help us
25 face up to the challenges facing our community; and,
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27 WHEREAS, we therefore hereby recommit ourselves to building an atmosphere
28 in which each person's opinion is respected and public and political discourse are aimed
29 at confronting the problems facing our community and not at those with whom we
30 disagree.
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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION
33 OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA
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36 **Section 1.** We hereby recommit ourselves to maintaining civility in our
37 public and political discourse and we hereby pledge our commitment to the following
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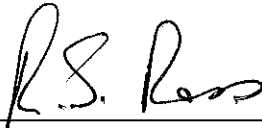
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- 41 • We will respect the right of all citizens in our community to hold
 - 42 different opinions;
 - 43 • We will avoid rhetoric intended to humiliate, illegitimize or question the
 - 44 wisdom of those whose opinions are different from ours;
 - 45 • We will strive to understand differing perspectives;
 - 46 • We will choose our words carefully;
 - 47 • We will speak truthfully without accusation and we will avoid distortion;
 - 48 and
 - 49 • We will speak out against violence, prejudice and incivility in all of their
 - 50 forms, whenever and wherever they occur.

51 **Section 2.** We hereby further pledge to exhibit and encourage the kinds of
52 personal qualities that are emblematic of predominate our communities and

1 society in general, gratitude, humility, openness, passion for service to others,
2 propriety, kindness, honesty, caring, faith, sense of duty, and a commitment to
3 doing what is right.
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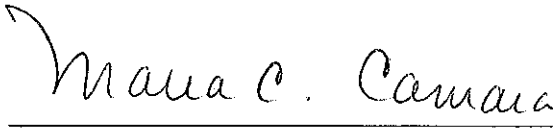
6 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2011.
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8 **The foregoing resolution upon**
9 **being put to a vote, the vote was**
10 **as follows:**
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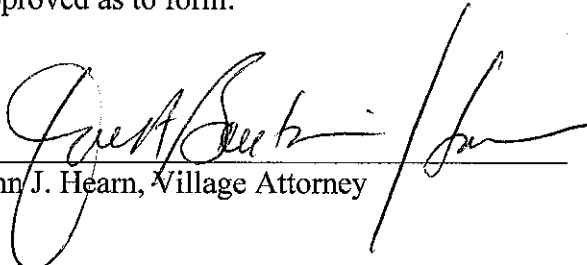
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16 Roxanna Ross, Mayor

Mayor Ross: Yes
Vice Mayor Bernard: Yes
Commissioner Anderson: Yes
Commission Childress: Yes
Commissioner Cooper: Absent

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25 Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

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27 Approved as to form:

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32 John J. Hearn, Village Attorney